

Missouri River

RECOVERY PROGRAM

2008-09

MRRIC Update

The application period for stakeholder positions on the MRRIC closed on Aug. 22, 2008. A total of 45 applications were received for the 28 stakeholder positions. Applications submitted by non-Planning Group members were forwarded to the Planning Group, via the facilitation team, for their evaluations. The facilitation team returned a compilation of the Planning Group's review to the Corps and Fish and Wildlife Service on Sept. 8, 2008, for review and recommendations to Brigadier General Rapp. Applicants will be notified of their selection status by phone and/or e-mail as soon as possible following final determination. A formal letter signed by BG Rapp will follow.

A Federal Register notice was published on Sept. 8, 2008, regarding the first meeting of the MRRIC, to be held in St. Louis, Mo., from Sept. 29 to Oct. 1, 2008.

Emergent Sandbar Habitat

River Mile 774

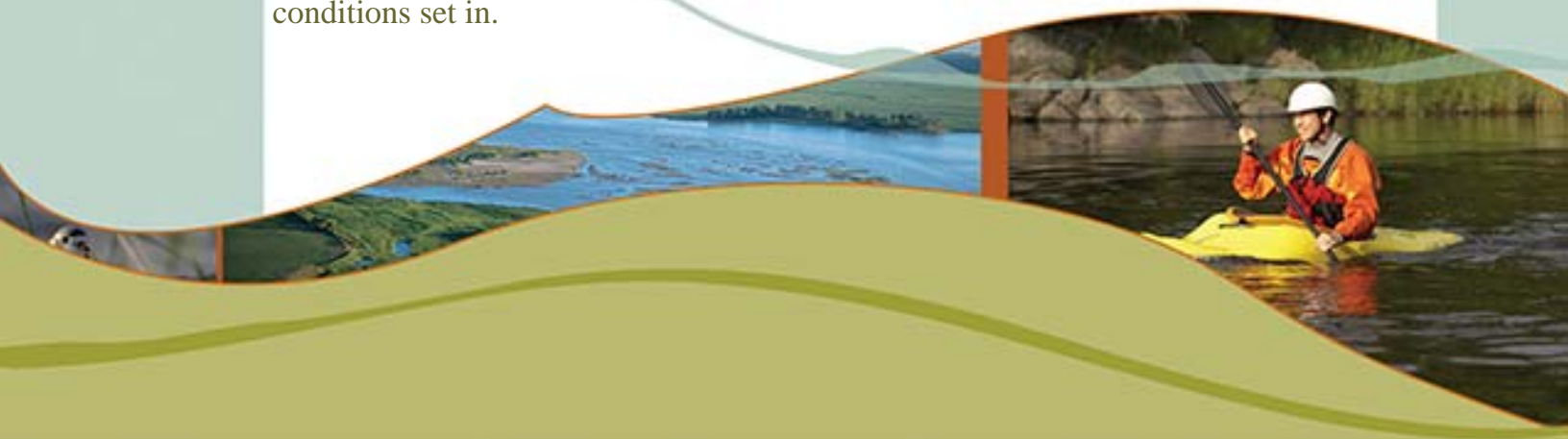
Dredging operations continue under 24-hour operation. Western is planning to produce around 300 cubic yards per hour working 20 hours per day. Contractor's projected completion date: end of October.

River Mile 775

Upper Missouri River Corporation started dredging on Sept. 4 and will work for 12 days. Contractor's projected completion date: mid-October.

River Mile 827

L.W. Matteson resumed dredging operations on Sept. 5 and will stop when ice conditions set in.



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MRERP Updates

A series of MRERP “mini-rendezvous” basin-wide meetings was initiated Aug. 28 and will continue until Oct. 14. These meetings will be used to initiate cooperating agency establishment, especially with states and Tribes. The Cooperating Agency Desk Guide, fact sheets and newsletters will be distributed at the meetings. Cooperating agency primary and alternate appointments are expected to be made throughout this series of meetings.

Least Tern & Piping Plover Monitoring

The 2008 least tern and piping plover monitoring season has been completed.

Least Terns: The population was 780 adults (a 23 percent decline from 2007); 382 chicks fledged (compared to 379 in 2007).

Piping Plovers: The population was 1,273 (a 2 percent increase from 2007); 677 chicks fledged (compared to 413 in 2007).

The incidental take was 249 piping plovers and 32 least terns.

Pallid Sturgeon Population Assessment

Pallid Sturgeon Population Assessment Basin Status Reports for 2005 and 2006 are completed and are available on the MRRP Web site.

Go to the following web link and scroll down to "Recent Articles and Reports":
<http://www.moriverrecovery.org/mrrp/f?p=136:6:3896004519376148::NO>

